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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: Invitation to Deliver the 40th John Findley
Green Foundation Lecture at Westminster
College

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline invitation to deliver the 40th John Findley Green Foundation Lecture at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri on either Friday, 28 October, at 8:00 p.m. or Saturday, 29 October, at 2:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. -- whichever would best suit your schedule.

2. Background: President on behalf of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and student body of Westminster College, has asked you to deliver the 40th John Findley Green Foundation Lecture. According to President Harvey, the Honorable Clare Boothe Luce has mentioned this possibility to you and she has said that she will attend the occasion if you consent to lecture.

They have requested that you address the role of intelligence in the world today. If it is possible, they would prefer the lecture take place during their 1983 Parent's Weekend, 28-30 October. The audience would then include not only members of their academic community, but also the visiting parents of the 650 students from more than 20 states and several foreign countries.

Since its establishment in 1936, the John Findley Green Foundation Lectureship has brought a distinguished roster of world leaders to Westminster College. The lectures are "designed to promote understanding of economic and social issues of international concern." The deed of gift further stipulates that, "in order that there may be the greatest benefit from this educational effort, it is desired that the speaker shall be a person of international reputation, whose topic shall be within the aim of these lectures and who shall present it with regard for Christian tolerance and practical benevolence."



Sir Winston Churchill, accompanied by President Harry S. Truman, made his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College. Previous lecturers, in addition to Mrs. Luce, are former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Gerald R. Ford, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Reinhold Niebuhr, Henry R. Luce, Lord C. P. Snow, Edward Heath, and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

Prior to the speech given by Mr. Weinberger on 11 March 1982, approximately 25 people, many carrying signs, gathered outside the auditorium to protest U.S. involvement in El Salvador and the nuclear arms race. Six of the protesters were arrested after unfurling a banner proclaiming: "Nuclear Freeze: Mandate of the People". Five of those arrested were students at the nearby University of Missouri in Columbia.

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The President and have asked you to be their guest at the President's House and, if possible, attend a luncheon or dinner in your honor either prior to or following your address. They also wish to include a tour of the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library. Attached are descriptive materials relating to both the institution and the Churchill Memorial, as well as a copy of the program from the 39th lecture by Secretary Weinberger.

3. Recommendation: None; Your calendar is clear both days. This is a prestigious group to address. However, it is possible that your lecture would draw protests just as Secretary of Defense Weinberger's speech.

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ACCEPT:

/s/ William J. Casey

27 JUN 1983

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DECLINE:

Director of Central Intelligence

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